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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT "B" AND **ELECTION WITH TRAVERSE IN RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In a restriction requirement mailed October 2, 2001, the Patent Office alleged that the claims pending in the above-identified application were directed to multiple inventions, and required an election. The Applications request reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks.

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